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Places of Worship

Special Places



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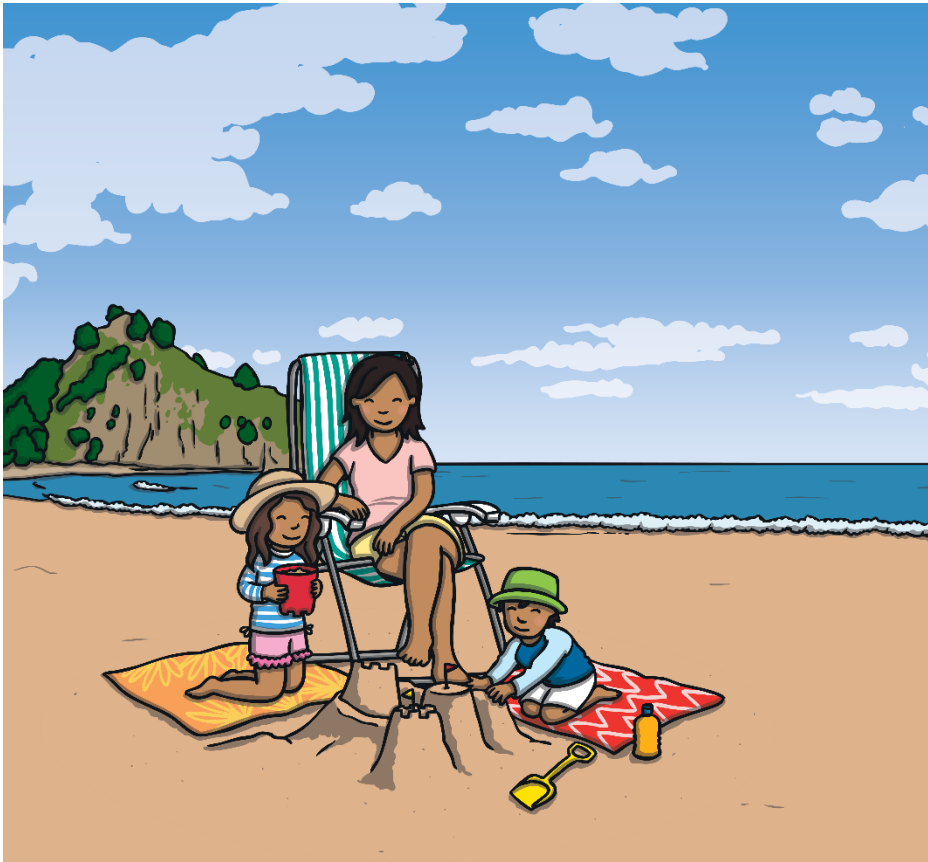
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Talking about Special Places



These children are talking about places that are special to them.



Hi! I'm Jilly.
The beach, which is just a short walk from my house, is a very special place to me. It is special to me because I have happy memories of time spent with my family there. It is a very beautiful and peaceful place. I like to think quietly on the beach.

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Hi! My name is Hardeep and a place that is special to me is my back garden.

I enjoy spending time there, relaxing and exercising. I feel really safe and happy when I am in my back garden. It is very pretty and peaceful.

I like spending time with my family in my back garden.

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Hello! My name is Stefan. A place that is special to me is the library.

I feel very relaxed when I am in the library. There are lots of books and I love reading there. It is also very quiet and calm. There are some lovely beanbags and it is such a friendly and welcoming place to be.

Talking about Special Places



Can you remember any of the special places the children mentioned?



Can you remember any of the words they used to describe their special place?

beautiful

pretty

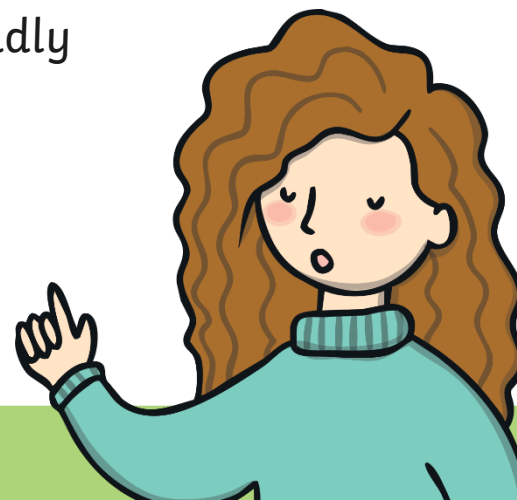
friendly

peaceful

quiet

calm

welcoming



Talking about Special Places



Can you remember any of the things the children liked to do in their special places?



**spending time
with family**



thinking



relaxing



exercising



**reading
books**

Can you remember any of the words they used to describe how they feel when they are in their special places?

happy

safe

relaxed

Your Special Place



Can you think of a place that is special to you?
It might be an outside place or inside a building.
Complete the **Your Special Place Activity Sheet**.

Your Special Place

To consider what makes a place special to people.



Draw your special place in the space below. Add labels if you would like to.
Think carefully about why this place is special to you and how you would
answer the questions.

A large, empty rectangular box with a black border, intended for a child to draw their special place.

Discuss It



Using **Your Special Place Activity Sheet**, talk to your partner about your special place.



What Do These Special Places Have in Common?



Look at some photographs of some special places.
What do these special places have in common?

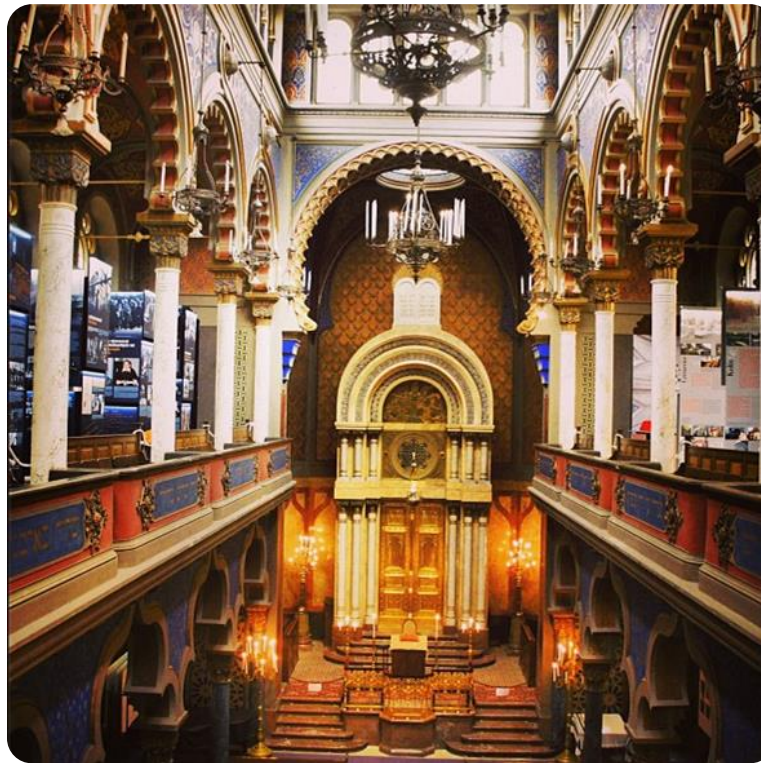


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These photos all show places of worship.

A place of worship is a special place for some people.

A place of worship is a building or space where people worship.

To worship means to act in a way that shows great respect and/or love for someone. People often worship God.

Do you know what the word 'worship' means?



What Do These Special Places Have in Common?



You will be finding out more about places of worship in this unit.

What do you know already about what happens in a place of worship?

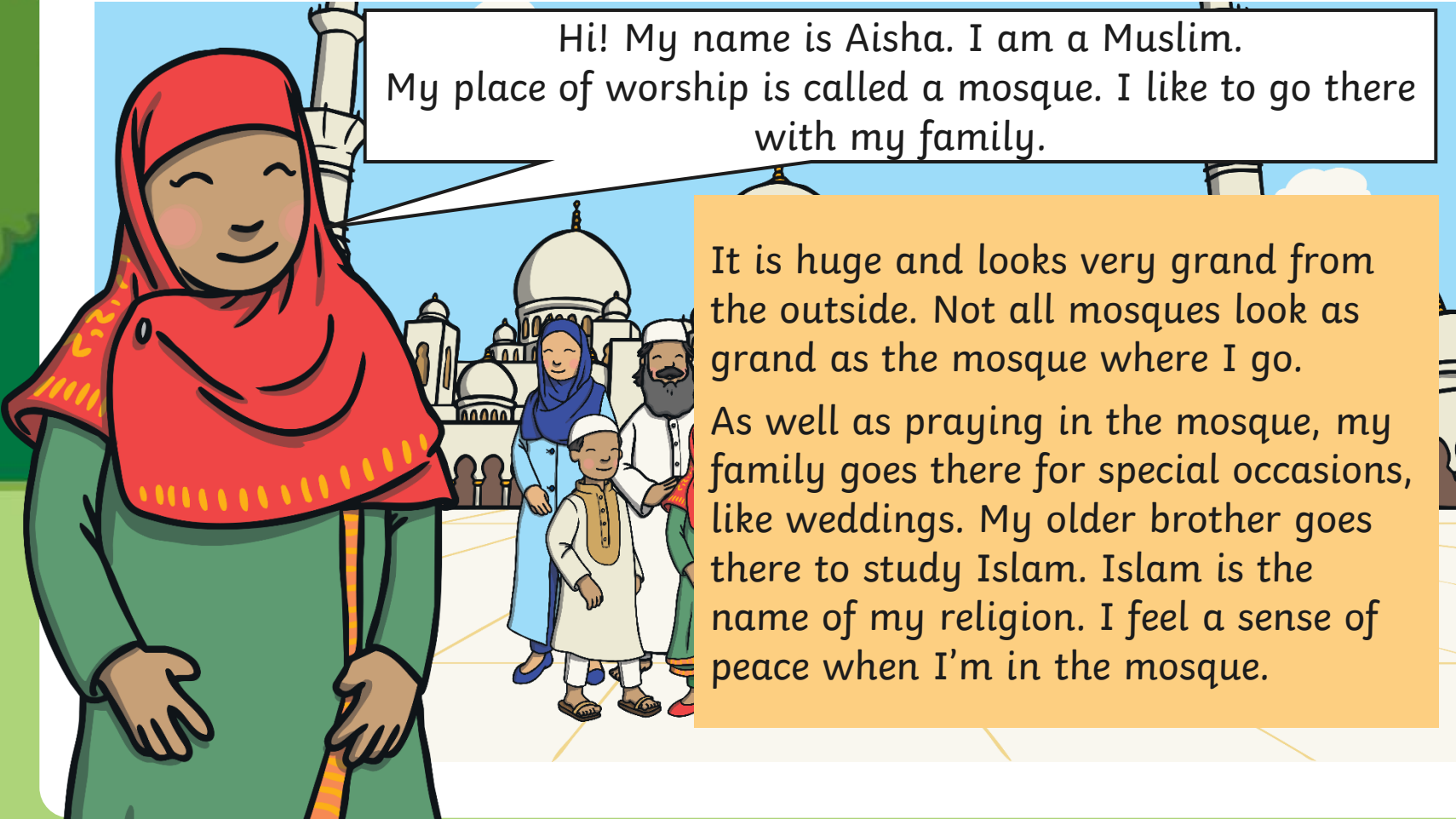
Can you think of other things that might happen in a building where people gather to worship?

You might have come up with these ideas:

- meeting and talking with others
- reading and learning about their religion
- spending quiet time alone, thinking
- celebrating special events in someone's life, such as a wedding
- celebrating religious festivals



Introducing Some Places of Worship




Hi! My name is Aisha. I am a Muslim.
My place of worship is called a mosque. I like to go there
with my family.

It is huge and looks very grand from the outside. Not all mosques look as grand as the mosque where I go.

As well as praying in the mosque, my family goes there for special occasions, like weddings. My older brother goes there to study Islam. Islam is the name of my religion. I feel a sense of peace when I'm in the mosque.



Introducing Some Places of Worship



Hi! My name is Ben. I am a Christian.
My place of worship is called a church.

My family and I go to a service here on Sundays. There is lots of singing and praying during a service.

It is quite a large building. On Tuesdays, my little sister goes to a playgroup in the church hall at the back and my Beaver Scout meetings are held there, too.

When we are all singing and worshipping in the church, I feel joyful.



Introducing Some Places of Worship

Hi! My name is Adam and I am Jewish.
My place of worship is called a synagogue.



My family and I go to services here on Friday evenings, Saturdays and on festival days. It is very big and very old. I think it is beautiful and peaceful inside. I feel close to God when I am in the synagogue. It's a very special place to me.



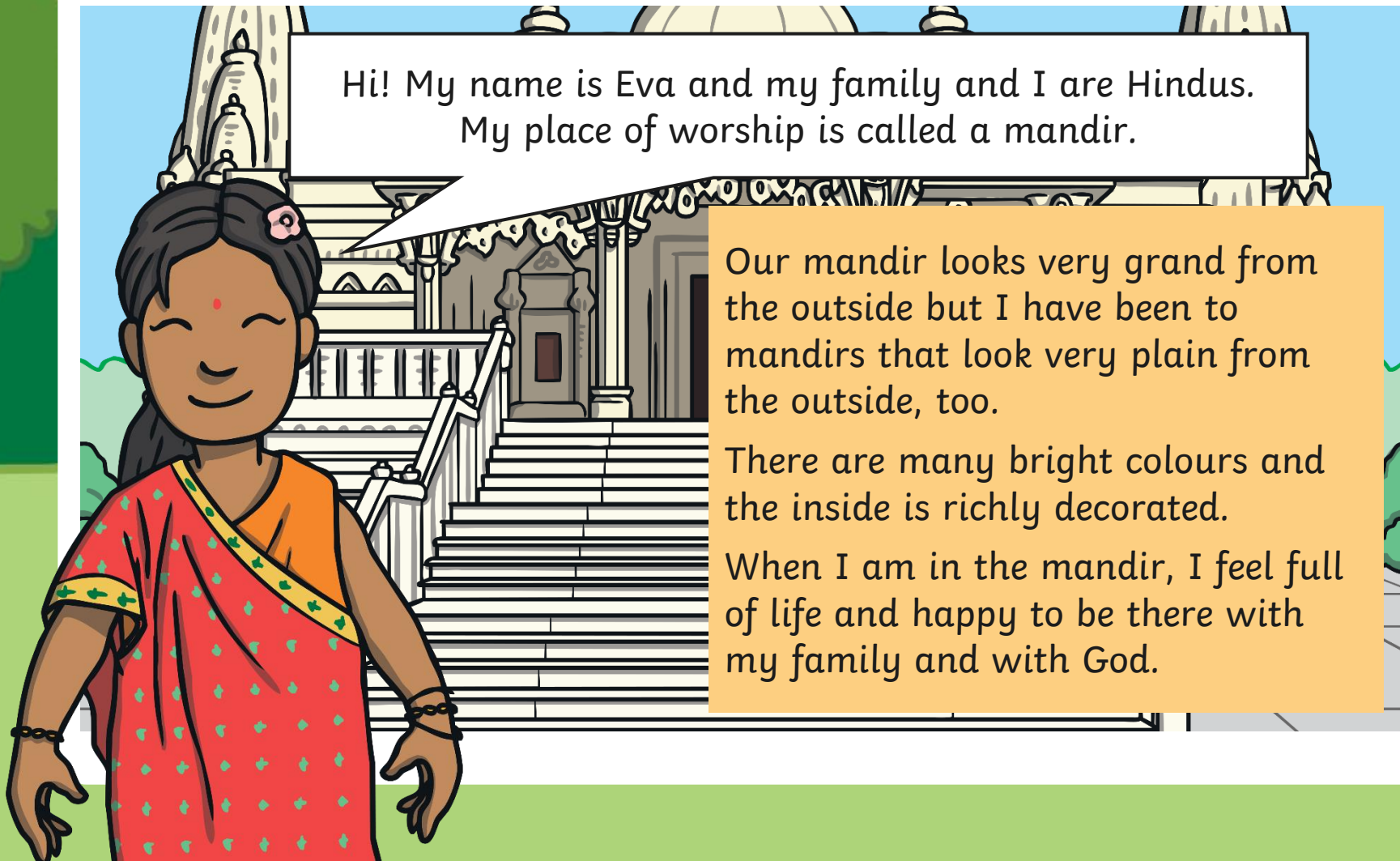
Introducing Some Places of Worship

Hi! My name is Eva and my family and I are Hindus.
My place of worship is called a mandir.

Our mandir looks very grand from the outside but I have been to mandirs that look very plain from the outside, too.

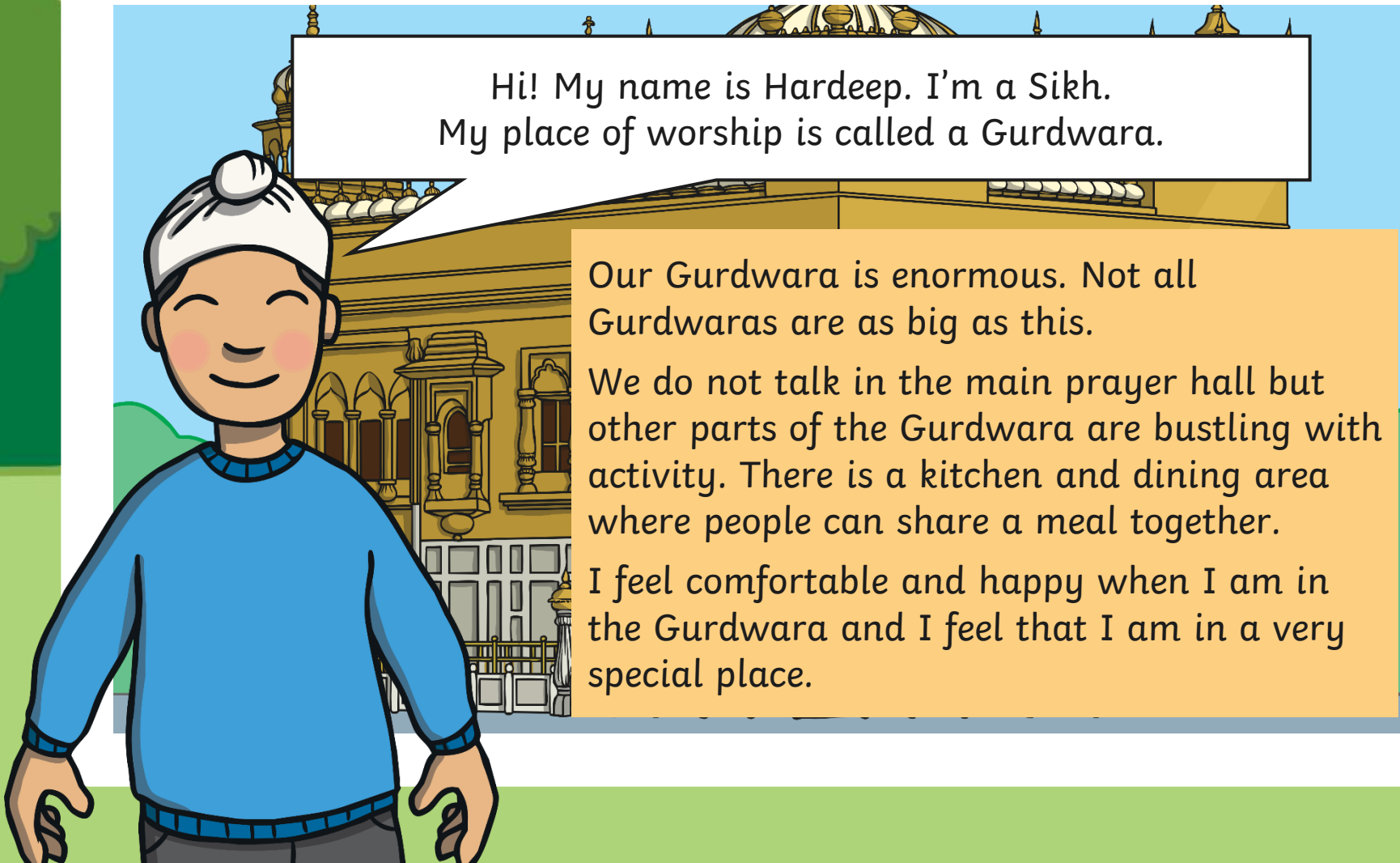
There are many bright colours and the inside is richly decorated.

When I am in the mandir, I feel full of life and happy to be there with my family and with God.





Introducing Some Places of Worship



Hi! My name is Hardeep. I'm a Sikh.
My place of worship is called a Gurdwara.

Our Gurdwara is enormous. Not all Gurdwaras are as big as this.

We do not talk in the main prayer hall but other parts of the Gurdwara are bustling with activity. There is a kitchen and dining area where people can share a meal together.

I feel comfortable and happy when I am in the Gurdwara and I feel that I am in a very special place.



Introducing Some Places of Worship

Hi! My name is Lucy. I'm a Buddhist.
My place of worship is called a Buddhist temple.

There is a strong smell of incense inside
this helps people to meditate.

Incense is a material
which gives off a pleasant
(and often strong) smell
when burnt.



Meditation is where
people focus very
carefully on the present
moment.



What Qualities Might a Place of Worship Have?



We have learnt that places of worship are all very different, even if they are the same type of place of worship.

They can be loud or quiet.

They can be old or modern.

They can be big or small.

They can be richly decorated or very plain.



What Qualities Might a Place of Worship Have?



We are going to make a list of qualities that a place of worship might have. A quality is a feature that something has (what it is like).

For example, if someone asked what are the qualities of a classroom, you could say that it is:

- spacious;
- light and airy;
- welcoming;
- friendly;
- at a comfortable temperature to work;
- sometimes noisy;
- sometimes quiet.

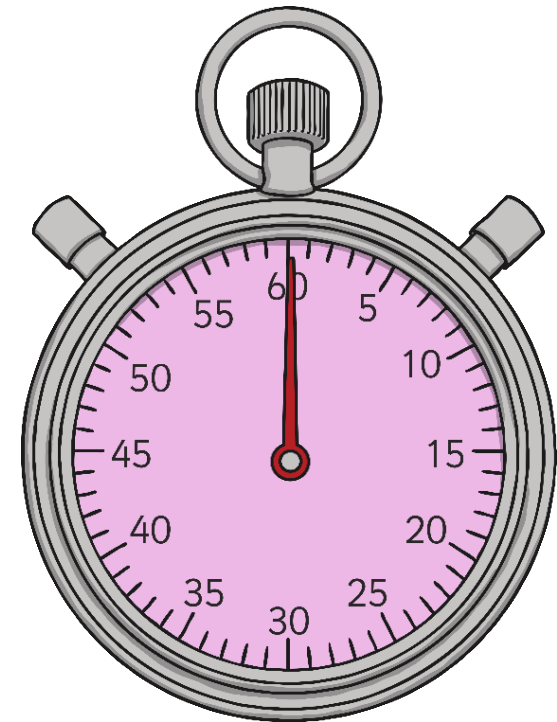


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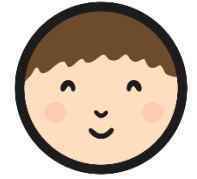


Think about places of worship and how they are special to people.

You have two minutes to list the qualities that places of worship might have. Work with your talk partner and jot down your ideas on your whiteboard.



Making a Word Cloud



You are going to create your own word cloud using the words you have come up with to describe places of worship.

You are going to write the words so that they form the shape of a building. You can choose the shape of the building; it doesn't have to be like any particular place of worship you have seen.

Make your own word cloud on the **Making a Word Cloud Activity Sheet**.



Your Words



Show your talk partner your word cloud.
If you could choose one word to describe a place of worship, what word would you choose?



Can you explain why you chose this word?

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